

### Save the Date:

Anderson High School Class of 2024 Baccalaureate Ceremony Saturday, May 18 3pm - 5pm Westover Hills Church (directly across the street from AHS)

# What is the AHS Baccalaureate Ceremony?

The AHS Baccalaureate is an inspirational ceremony celebrating ALL AHS graduating seniors.

### Who should attend?

<u>All</u> AHS graduating seniors in the Class of 2024 are encouraged to attend with their families.

# But I'm not religious or in the IB program, is this still for me?

The AHS Baccalaureate Ceremony is not a religious ceremony (not even a nondenominational one). It is not just for IB diploma or IB certificate students. It is for ALL graduating seniors and is an event that celebrates our entire Class of 2024 graduating seniors.

# Why should my family attend?

Seniors will all wear their cap and gowns and process to Pomp and Circumstance. With ample parking and a relaxed atmosphere, this is a great time to get lots of family photos with your senior.

#### What happens during the ceremony?

This year, we are thrilled to have **Dr. Jill Grimes** speak to our graduating class. Now an Austinite, Dr. Grimes is originally from San Antonio. Both of her daughters, Brittany and Nicole, attended Anderson High School where they were Belles in the graduating classes of 2015 and 2017. Dr. Grimes was a National Merit and President's Endowed Scholar at Texas A&M University in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of '87 (Whoop!). She earned her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, and completed her family medicine residency in Austin, TX, in 1991. After twenty years of private practice in Austin, Dr. Grimes then worked part-time on campus at the University of Texas University Health Services until 2020, at which point she pivoted to community outreach through public health initiatives during COVID. As a parent of freshly graduated college students herself, Dr. Grimes is especially empathetic to the medical challenges these young people experience. Dr. Grimes' passion project is an award-winning book - soon to be in its third edition - the humorous and evidence-based "The ULTIMATE College Student Health Handbook: Your Guide for Everything from Hangovers to Homesickness."

### Will there be food?

Yes! After the ceremony we will have light refreshments and students and families are encouraged to linger and enjoy celebrating.

#### When is the date again?

SATURDAY, May 18 from 3pm to 5pm.